

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1 1. A method of storing data for a collaboration system  
2 wherein first and second data are respectively used for  
3 implementation of a plurality of child processes and a  
4 parent process comprising the child processes, the method  
5 comprising the steps of:

6 storing the first and second data;

7 storing a link in the first data; and

8 linking the first and second data by the link.

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1 2. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second  
2 data comprises identification of the child processes.

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1 3. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first  
2 and second data comprise identification of participants in  
3 the child and parent processes.

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1 4. The method as claimed in claim 3 further comprising  
2 the steps of:

3 storing a second link in the first data; and

4 linking the identification of the participants in the  
5 child and parent processes by the second link.

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1 5. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first  
2 and second data comprise messages generated in the child and  
3 parent processes.

1           6. The method as claimed in claim 5 further comprising  
2 the steps of:  
3           storing a third link in the first data; and  
4           linking the messages generated in the child and parent  
5 processes by the third link.

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1           7. A collaboration system comprising:  
2           a collaboration center obtaining first data for  
3 implementation of a parent process comprising a plurality of  
4 child processes;  
5           a member obtaining second data for implementation of the  
6 child processes; and  
7           a storage device storing the first and second data, and  
8 storing a link in the second data to link the first and  
9 second data.

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1           8. The collaboration system as claimed in claim 7  
2 wherein the first data comprises identification of the child  
3 processes.

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1           9. The collaboration system as claimed in claim 7  
2 wherein the first and second data comprise identification of  
3 participants in the parent and child processes.

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1           10. The collaboration system as claimed in claim 9  
2 wherein the storage device further stores a second link in  
3 the second data to link the identification of the  
4 participants in the parent and child processes.

1           11. The collaboration system as claimed in claim 7  
2 wherein the first and second data comprise messages  
3 generated in the parent and child processes.

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2           12. The collaboration system as claimed in claim 11  
3 wherein the storage device further stores a third link in  
4 the second data to link the messages generated in the parent  
5 and child processes.